



Avalon City Council Weekly Update

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City Clerk - Municipal Election

A Candidate Forum will be held March 30, 2016 at 6:00 PM hosted by the Chamber. In addition to attending the forum, it can be viewed on Catalina Broadband Solutions Channel 3 and will be live streamed online.

The Chamber submitted questions to the candidates and you can view the responses in the link here. You can also find a link to ask questions for the Candidate Forum which will be considered by the Chamber here.

The last day to register to vote is for this upcoming Avalon election is Monday March 28, 2016. Voter registration forms are available at City Hall. You can also register to vote and check your registration address at www.lavote.net

The last day to request a Vote-By-Mail ballot is Tuesday April 5, 2016.

Polls will be open on election day from 7AM - 7PM, and voters should check the back of their sample ballot for the correct polling place.

Recreation - CPRS Convention

David Hart the Interim Recreation Coordinator attended the California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) Convention and Expo on March 8th-11th at the Long Beach Convention Center.

The classes I took had quite a range, but to name a few:

Recruit, Retain and Recognize Your Volunteers

Trends in Sports and Fitness; What's Hot, What's Not

Community Health and The Role of Parks and Open Spaces

I also had an opportunity to announce to 100 attendees in the class Becoming a Director: Steps to Success that we were hiring a Community Service Director and what we are looking for in that position.

Needless to say I became instant friends with half the room.

Also on Thursday Audra McDonald from the Planning Dept. and Brian Ulaszewski of City Fabrick met up with me at the expo to explore the different companies and equipment on display in consideration for the Avalon Canyon Fit Trail. I had the opportunity to talk with Musco lighting about the possibility to go LED on our lights at Joe Machado Field, and also met up with several playground companies, uniform distributors, turf companies (who are excited about bidding on JMF) and a skate park designer.

The convention was eye opening and educational, and it provided great networking with other cities and companies. This will impact the Avalon Recreation Department by giving us a better understanding of process and approaches from other community service and recreation departments.

Vehicle Clerk - Annual Vehicle Registration

Only three more weeks, or 15 business days, left to register your vehicle for the City permit. After April 1, 2016 a late fee will be added to each renewal. So far registration has been going smoothly, and we look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces, with their current registration, \$30 cash or check, the address/dwelling the vehicle is registering to, and the vehicle itself here at City Hall.

Avalon Fire Department - Time Change Safety

This Sunday March 13th at 2:00 A.M. we will spring ahead one hour. This is also a great time to update several safety items in your home.

Do these things every 6 months when you reset your clocks:

- Check and replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms.
- Prepare a disaster supply kit for your house (water, food, flashlights, batteries, blankets). Once you've created your home disaster kit, use the semi-annual time change to check its contents (including testing/replacing flashlight batteries).
- It's a good idea to carry a car-emergency kit in your mainland car.
- Check home and outbuilding storage areas for hazardous materials. Discard (properly, please) any which are outdated, no longer used, or in poor condition. Move any which are within reach of kids or pets.
- Check and discard expired medications - those dates really DO have meaning- some very common over-the-counter medications can cause serious problems due to change through aging.

Sheriff - When Calling the Sheriff's Station to Report a Problem

For emergencies always call 9-1-1.

For non-emergent calls for service, please call our business line 310-510-0174.

Medical Calls - Please provide some basic information, i.e., the gender and age of the patient, if they are conscious, breathing, and how they were injured.

Non-Emergent Police Calls - Please provide some basic information about what has occurred and a basic description of the people involved. If there are any weapons involved, please advise the Dispatcher. This information is very important to Deputies. Note – a weapon can be a beer bottle, a pool cue, or a personal item such as a shoe. The more information you can provide, the better we will be able to safely assist you. Secondly, please don't hesitate to call us at the first sign of a problem. We would rather be proactive and handle a problem before it escalates into a dangerous or criminal matter. Too many people say they didn't want to bother us. You aren't! We appreciate the opportunity to intervene early and prevent a problem from escalating into an emergent situation.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Avalon City Staff